



Fishing and Boating Regulations

Hagerman

National Wildlife Refuge



Fishing

Fishing with hook and line is permitted on designated areas of the refuge subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Bank and wade fishing with pole and line or rod and reel are permitted year-round in areas open for public fishing access. All refuge ponds are closed from October 1 through March 31.
- 2. Limblines, throwlines, juglines, and yoyo's are not permitted in any refuge waters.
- 3. Use of any containers (jugs, bottles) as floats is not permitted.
- 4. During the boating season, trotlines are permitted only in the open area of the Big Mineral Arm of Lake Texoma in accordance with Texas state law.
- 5. Night fishing is not permitted.
- 6. Trotline fishing tackle, including floats, must be removed 30 days after set out or renewed for another 30 days.
- 7. All fishing tackle, including floats, must be removed from refuge waters by September 30.
- 8. Taking of bait for personal use while fishing on the refuge is permitted in accordance with Texas State law.
- 9. Bow fishing is permitted only along Big Mineral Arm shoreline and moist soil units.
- 10. The taking of fish by the use of hands (noodling) is prohibited in all refuge waters.



Boating

- 1. Boating season begins April 1 and extends through September 30.
- 2. Boating is allowed only in waters of Big Mineral Arm and its associated creeks.
- 3. Boats may be launched only at designated boat launch sites. Trailer launch sites are located at A Pad and P Pad. Hand launch sites are located at Big Mineral and Goode day use areas.
- 4. All State and Federal regulations apply to boats using the refuge.
- 5. Hazards: Big Mineral Arm contains floating debris.
- 6. Personal watercraft (jet ski's) are not permitted.
- 7. Tube fishing (fishing with the aid of an inner tube type device as part of a pair of waders for floatation) is permitted during boating season April 1 through September 30.



General



Night time fishing and boating is prohibited



2. Fires are permitted only at designated sites. Ground fires are not permitted.



Firearms, bows, and other weapons are prohibited, except for authorized hunting and fishing.



- 4. Swimming is not permitted.
- 5. Water skiing is not permitted.

Special Daily and Size Limits

White or Black Crappie	10" minimum and 37 daily limit
Channel catfish Blue catfish	Channel and Blue size limit: 12" minimum Daily limit 15 combined
Flathead catfish	Flathead 20" minimum and daily limit 5
Striped bass and Striped bass hybrid	Daily limit 10 combined, only 2 may be 20" or longer
White bass	Daily limit 25. No size limit
Largemouth Smallmouth Spotted bass	Size limit: 14" minimum. Daily limit 5 combined